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Request of

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1. The attached letter of dated 15 February 1949 and forwarded by the FCC to this branch, is transmitted to your office for information and appropriate action.

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2. Since the wax cylinder on which the broadcast in question was recorded has been destroyed, FBIB cannot furnish the certified copy and affidavit as requested.

3. However, a check through our permanent files reveals that the broadcast, apparently the one to which refers, was published in the Daily Report of Foreign Radio Broadcasts, of 9 April 1945. The source of this broadcast is listed as DOMEI, Japanese News Agency, from Tokyo, broadcasting in English to the American Zone on 9 April 1945 at 3:00 a.m., Eastern War Time. It reads as follows:

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"Tokyo, Apr. 9--Sadao Iguchi, Spokesmen of the Board of Information, in the course of a foreign press conference this morning revealed that the Awa Maru is missing on its return journey from the South after carrying relief supplies to American prisoners of war and civilian internees there on safe conduct from the American Government.

"Iguchi said the necessary investigation is now being made but that, so far, efforts to contact the relief ship had failed. Iguchi continued that the vessel was due at the port of Tsuruga on Apr. 5 or 6 at the latest. No S.O.S. has been caught by Japanese radio stations and the ship was last known to be in the area south of the East China Sea."

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